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## Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

## Listing of Claims:

- 1 (currently amended) A method of inhibiting Vif multimerization in a subject comprising administering an effective amount of a Vif antagonist to the subject, wherein the Vif antagonist binds to the multimerization domain within a Vif protein, and the Vif antagonist is a peptide comprising a PXP motif, wherein X is any one amino acid.
- 2. (currently amended). The method of claim 1, wherein the Vif antagonist is an anti-Vif antibody; or a Vif protein fragment which comprises at least SEQ ID NO: 25.
- 3. (canceled).
- 4. (previously presented) The method of claim 2, wherein the Vif protein fragment is selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 1, SEQ ID NO: 21, SEQ ID NO: 22, SEQ ID NO: 23, and SEQ ID NO: 26.
- 5. (canceled).
- 6 (canceled).
- 7. (canceled).
- 8. (canceled)
- 9. (currently amended). The method of claim 1 8, wherein the any one amino acid is selected from the group consisting of Arg, Val, Pro, Ser, Leu, Phe, Ala, His and Tyr.
- 10. (canceled).

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- 11. (canceled)
- 12. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the peptide comprising the PXP motif is 4 to 20 amino acids long.
- 13. (previously presented) The method of claim 12, wherein peptide comprising the PXP motif is 5 to 20 amino acids long.
- 14. (previously presented) The method of claim 12, wherein peptide comprising the PXP motif is 12 amino acids long.
- 15 (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the peptide comprising the PXP motif is selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 5, SEQ ID NO: 6, SEQ ID NO: 7, SEQ ID NO: 8, SEQ ID NO: 9, SEQ ID NO: 10, SEQ ID NO: 11, SEQ ID NO: 12, SEQ ID NO: 13, SEQ ID NO: 14, SEQ ID NO: 15, SEQ ID NO: 16, SEQ ID NO: 17, SEQ ID NO: 18, SEQ ID NO: 19, and SEQ ID NO: 20.
- 16 (canceled)
- 17. (original). The method of claim 1, wherein the Vif antagonist is a molecule comprising one or more peptides comprising a PXP motif.
- 18. (canceled)
- 19 (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the Vif antagonist is administered parenterally or enterally.
- 20 (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the Vif antagonist is administered locally.
- 21. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the peptide comprising the PXP motif comprises the sequence SEQ ID NO: 11.

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22. (previously presented) The method of claim 21 wherein the peptide comprising the PXP motif consists of the sequence SEQ ID NO: 11.